

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Chairman Dan McLaughlin and the assembly stood for the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were Supervisors Dan McLaughlin and John Fratangeli. Also present were Chief Lance Malobabich, Solicitor Curt McMillen and Secretary, Debra Shaffer. Supervisor Wayne Potts was absent.

MINUTES

The Minutes of February 4 meeting were approved with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s report and bill list were approved with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police and Road Department monthly reports were accepted with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. The Fire Department will provide two reports next month. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ROAD MATERIAL BIDS

The bids received for road material were opened and read as follows:

	Cinders	#8 Limestone	#67 Limestone	#617 Limestone	Salt	Diesel
McClymonds	\$20.77	\$35.36	\$33.11	\$26.36		
Oliastro	\$21.20	\$38.30	\$35.80	\$28.40		
EFCC, Inc.		\$34.80	\$33.05	\$25.80		
Compass Minerals					\$124.25	
American Rock Salt					No bid	
Cargill					No bid	
Morton Salt					\$121.91	
Glassmere Fuel						\$0.1515
Bradigans						\$0.1750

Lowest bids were awarded in red with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**PURCHASE OF 60' X 128' SALT STRUCTURE**

J. Fratangeli made a motion to approve the purchase of a 60' x 128' Span-Tech Fabric Salt Building from Element Shelter Solutions in the amount of \$148,702.12 using Liquid Fuels monies. It will be purchase through a Sourcewell Contract. A salt building is an allowable purchase with state funds. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF 2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 4 WD POLICE TRUCK

J. Fratangeli made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4 WD Police truck. This will be through a Costars Contract from Colussy Chevrolet. It is for the purchase price of \$34,742.00 after a trade in of our 2018 F150 Truck in the amount of \$19,000.00. The estimate to decommission our current truck and outfit the new truck from Team Force came in at \$16,739.55. D. McLaughlin second the motion.

Motion carried.

WALKING TRAIL/PARK

There was recent damage to our Township Park. It was agreed to look into the cost of having cameras/wifi installed at the park location. Debra Shaffer will contact Xfinity to look into this. There was a request from Rick McConnell and Dan Luffy to have memorial benches installed near the creek in the park. It was agreed that this could be done with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Deb Shaffer will look into the installation of these benches. They will need to be cemented in due to the location near the creek. Debra Shaffer will be ordering signs for the park and the Road Department will be installing a parking area near the canoe launch and using the roller on the walking trail to help tighten it up.

Motion carried.

PATRIOT EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Michael Hallam, NRP and Natalie Dubovi, NRP attended the meeting and spoke about their newly formed ambulance service. They are based out of Hookstown and are requesting us to pass a resolution making them a co-primary ambulance service so that they could respond to calls within our township if they can get there quicker than Medic Rescue. This costs the township nor the residence anything additional. They will honor memberships with Medic Rescue. They are not taking over anything, just want to help make response times be more timely. The supervisors agreed to have a resolution on the April agenda.

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Recycling Weekend – Fri., April 3rd and Sat. April 4th
- Office Closed Friday, April 3rd for Good Friday
- Next Supervisors Meeting – Wednesday, April 8th @ 4 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Lance Malobabich spoke and wanted to thank the Board for approving the purchase of the new police truck and wanted to apologize for his confusion on how the process worked.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer